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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/758,435

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final Amendment filed on June 22, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Detailed Action

Response to Argument

1. Applicant's arguments, see response/amendment, filed June 22, 2006, with respect to claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12, 18, 20-24, 27 and 32-34 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12, 18, 20-24, 27 and 32-34 has been withdrawn. The Examiner acknowledges the summary of the interview noted in the Applicant's response for the telephone interview conducted on June 7, 2006. After an updated search, the examiner has determined withdrawing the rejection of claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12, 18, 20-24, 27 and 32-34.

Allowance

2. Claims 1-35 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In reference to claims 1, 10, 18, 24, 28, 29 and 32: Tsironis (U.S. Patent 6,850,076) teaches microwave tuners for wideband high reflection application. The system uses microwave impedance transformers or microwave tuners which are an asymmetric reciprocal devices. The pre-matching tuner is calibrated on vector network analyzer (see *Tsironis*, column 4, lines 39-67). At

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each tuner position, the S-Parameter of the tuner two-port is measured on the vector network analyzer.

Unlike Tsironis, the claimed invention is a method of determining a parameter value for a set of calibration standard used to calibrate a multiport vector analyzer having more than two ports. The method comprising having measurements of an asymmetric reciprocal device made with the multiport vector network analyzer to optimize a parameter value of a defining parameter of the set of calibration standard.

The remaining claims 2-9, 11-17, 19-23, 25-27, 30-31 and 33-35 are dependent upon claims 1, 10, 18, 24, 29 and 32 and contain further limitations.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elias Desta whose telephone number is (571)-272-2214. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (8:30-7:00).

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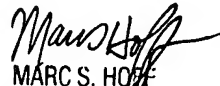
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S. Hoff can be reached on (571)-272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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